



DEP Fact Sheet

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA • DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR WATERSHED GROUPS

Many watershed groups have volunteers to work on numerous projects within their watershed boundaries. They try to resolve or remediate current problems by giving many hours of service, and they may help in the prevention of future water quality problems as well.

However, to perform these services, groups need money for the purchase of equipment and supplies. This funding is not always easy to find. The following is a list of potential funding sources and references for use by watershed groups. This is not all inclusive, and you may find other sources not currently on the list. Make sure you are aware of the administrative requirements for any grant you pursue. The Department of Environmental Protection does not endorse the use of any specific group from the list and is supplying names for informational purposes only.

SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	PLANNING	IMPLEMENTATION	OTHER
DEP Nonpoint Source Management Program, Harrisburg, PA	717-787-5259	Grants for planning and nonpoint source pollution control projects.	X	X	X
DEP Stormwater Management Program, Harrisburg, PA	717-772-4048	Watershed planning for stormwater control (counties) and implementation of programs at local levels (municipalities).	X	X	
DEP Coastal Zone Management Program, Harrisburg, PA	717-787-5259	Grants for planning and construction in the Lake Erie and the Delaware Estuary Coastal Zones.	X	X	
NRCS, PL 83-566, The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Harrisburg, PA	717-782-4429	Plan development for natural resource concerns within a watershed area; cost-sharing available to carry out plan.		X	
DCNR Rivers Conservation Program, Harrisburg, PA	717-787-2316	Conserve and enhance river resources by offering planning grants, technical assistance, implementation grants, development grants, and acquisition grants.	X	X	
Canaan Valley Institute, West Virginia	304-866-4739 800-922-3601	Promotes the development and growth of local associations committed to improving or maintaining the natural resources of their watersheds, in the Mid-Atlantic Highlands portions of PA, MD, VA and all of WV.	X	X	X
Great Lakes Protection Fund, Pennsylvania Office - Meadville, PA	312-201-0660	Occasional small planning grants and natural resource grants for regional efforts in the Great Lakes area. For information specific to Pennsylvania call 814-332-6816.	X	X	
EPA National Estuary Grant Program	202-260-6502	Supports the development of programs to protect coastal watersheds in estuaries of national significance, which includes the Delaware Estuary in Pennsylvania.	X		

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Vira I. Heinz Endowment, Pittsburgh, PA	814-669-4847 John Dawes	Provides funds to the Western Pennsylvania Watershed Protection Program to implement comprehensive ecosystem management programs in selected western Pennsylvania watersheds. In addition, small matching grants are provided to DCNR for the Coldwater Heritage Program.	X	X	X
Western Pennsylvania Watershed Protection Program sponsored by the Howard Heinz Endowments	814-669-4847 John Dawes, Grant Administrator	Provides funding to grassroots organizations and watershed associations for site specific watershed remediation in western Pennsylvania.	X	X	
The Leo Model Foundation, Inc., Philadelphia, PA	215-546-8058	Grants for habitat conservation, watershed conservation, and species preservation in the USA and other countries.	X	X	
The William Penn Foundation, Philadelphia, PA	215-988-1830	Grants to preserve natural areas, including environmental education and planning, within the Foundation's geographic area (primarily southeastern Pennsylvania).	X	X	X
Educational Mini-Projects Program, Harrisburg, PA	717-236-1006	Small grants for Pennsylvania-based, grassroots educational projects that address nonpoint source watershed concepts.			X
EPA Environmental Education Grants, Region III, Philadelphia, PA	215-566-5546	Grants awarded to small nonprofit groups for various projects in Region III.	X	X	
Harrisburg Foundation, Harrisburg, PA	717-236-5040	Grants awarded to groups for environmental projects. They also administer special foundation grants set up for specific environmental projects by specific donors. The Foundation serves Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, Lebanon and Franklin Counties in southcentral Pennsylvania.	X	X	
Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindburgh Foundation, Minneapolis, MN	612-338-1703	Grants awarded for the conservation of natural resources and water resource management.	X		X
Fish American Foundation, Alexandria, VA	703-548-6338	Grants awarded for: streambank stabilization materials, instream habitat improvements, contracted heavy equipment, and stream morphology work.		X	
Coldwater Heritage Partnership, Partnership between Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Fish and Boat Commission and Trout Unlimited, Harrisburg, PA	717-787-2316	Grants for prioritizing watersheds in need of protection, for assessment of coldwater ecosystems and for the development of watershed conservation plans.	X	X	X
American Canoe Association, Springfield, VA	703-451-0141 Contact: David Jenkins	May provide funding for various watershed-related projects including starting groups and lobbying.	X		X

SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	PLANNING	IMPLEMENTATION	OTHER
Dirt and Gravel Road Maintenance, Harrisburg, PA	State Conservation Commission at 717-787-8821 or local County Conservation District	This is available to local municipalities and state agencies who have jurisdiction over dirt and gravel roads. Groups may be able to work with their local municipality regarding projects dealing with best management practices for erosion and sedimentation control problems and fugitive dust in watersheds.	X	X	
National Park Service, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, Philadelphia, PA	215-597-1581 Joseph DiBello, Chief	The National Park Service works with communities to conserve land and river resources and provides funding for various projects dealing with the conservation of these resources including the development of trails and greenways.	X	X	

Further references:

1. A Guidebook of Financial Tools. In draft. Being produced by the EPA Environmental Financial Advisory Board and the Environmental Finance Center. Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/efinpage/guidebk/guindex.htm>
2. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. U.S. General Services Administration. Web address: <http://www.gsa.gov/fdac.htm>
3. Wetland and Riparian Stewardship in PA - A Guide to Voluntary Options for Landowners, Local Governments and Organizations. The guide lists various technical and financial assistance programs available to reduce impacts from nonpoint source pollution. Contact the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay at 717-236-8825.
4. 1997 Directory of Funding Sources for Grassroots River and Watershed Groups. This is a directory of foundations and others that fund watershed efforts. Available for \$35 from River Network at 800-423-6747 or e-mail rivernet2@aol.com
5. Consideration of performance of a Community Environmental Project (CEP) instead of civil penalties in certain cases where the alleged violator has suggested a CEP. The Department of Environmental Protection will coordinate with local government and groups to identify appropriate projects. Contact local DEP regional office for more information.
6. For information about training regarding grant proposal writing and winning grants contact the Nonprofit Management Development Center at LaSalle University in Philadelphia. There is a cost associated with the training. 215-951-1701.
7. Your local library has information about grants including the Environmental Grant Making Foundations Book. Some libraries, including the Dauphin County Library in Harrisburg, have a computer database that can be searched by subject for funding sources pertaining to watersheds or streams.
8. The United Environment Fund fosters growth of environmental organizations throughout the United States by helping them develop a stronger, more diversified funding base. Web address: <http://www.uef.org>
9. The Foundation Center is an independent, nonprofit information clearinghouse that collects, organizes, analyzes and disseminates information about foundations, corporate giving, etc. They maintain five foundation libraries throughout the United States, and they have cooperating collections of information located in public libraries including libraries in Pennsylvania. Besides publications and supplementary materials, some libraries provide other services for grant seekers. For information about these cooperating collections call 1-800-424-9836. Foundation web address: <http://www.fdncenter.org>
10. Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection. USEPA. 1997. Provides information on federal funding programs for watershed protection and local-level watershed projects. Call the National Center for Environmental Publications and Information at 513-489-8190 or 800-490-9198, ask for EPA Document 841-B-97-008.

This fact sheet and related environmental information are available electronically via Internet. Access the DEP website at <http://www.dep.state.pa.us> choose Information by Subject/Water Management/Watershed Conservation/Watershed Support).